

HB 2680 Opposition

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House Rules Committee
900 Court Street
Salem, Oregon 97301

Honorable Members:

HB 2680 when and if finished with appropriate amendments will go a long way in implementing the will of the voters to place some limitations on big money in Oregon politics. For those who oppose limits both the voters and courts have ruled in favor of some type of limitations.

The Independent Party of Oregon, League of Women Voters, Pacific Green Party, and other minor parties have submitted constructive testimony good and bad that would make HB 2680 if amended a good starting point in consideration with components of HB 3343.

One surprising negative that does jump out in the Democrat sponsored A1 is allowing big corporations and big unions to dominate any election with a \$50,000 staff allowance for actions supporting a particular candidate. The whole intent of campaign finance limits is to return the election to the people by taking the power of money away from special interests. This does the opposite.

HB 2690 needs some serious work to return elections to the People.

Respectfully submitted,

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